



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: On December 4, 2008, a Lincoln couple was sentenced for their roles in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Lincoln area. Lloyd Steven Brown was sentenced to 10 years (120 months) in prison, and Kim Brown was sentenced to three years and ten months (46 months) in prison. Both will serve five-year supervised release terms at the conclusion of their prison sentences, and both were ordered to pay \$100 special assessments. Kim Brown originally faced a prison sentence of at least ten years, but she qualified for a sentence below the ten-year statutory minimum due to her lack of significant prior criminal history, the fact that she provided information to law enforcement about this offense, and her minor role in the offense. The Browns, along with their adult son, and another Lincoln man, were involved with the distribution of between about 18 ounces and three pounds of methamphetamine over approximately a two-year period.

Name of Defendant: Lloyd Steven Brown

AKA: Steve Brown

Age: 55

City of residence: Lincoln

Name of Defendant: Kim Brown

AKA: Kimberly C. Brown, Colette Brown

Age: 52

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: The Browns were each held responsible for the distribution of at least 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) but less than 1.5 kilograms (approximately three pounds) of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: John Michael Steven Brown and William Betts both pled guilty to the conspiracy charge and were sentenced earlier to 121 months and 135 months respectively.

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between on or about January 1, 2006, and on or about January 15, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: January 17, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: January 16, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: January 22, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Both of the Browns pled guilty on September 15, 2008

Sentencing Date: Both Browns were sentenced on December 4, 2008

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Lloyd Steven Brown and Kim Brown were

released on January 22, 2008, on conditions.

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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